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DIFFERENT STANDARDS

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application which were cited by the Examiner in the corresponding German application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, and copies of the search reports, are provided herewith.

1. German Patent 43 02 301 A

Document 1

German Published Patent Application entitled "Method for receiving FM-modulated and non-FM-modulated signals" published August 11, 1994.

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Applicants are not aware of any translation or English language document corresponding to Document 1.

In the Search Report conducted by the German Patent and Trademark Office (copy attached) col. 1, lines 50-59 and claim 11 of this reference were considered to have "X" category relevance.

The Abstract of this reference is translated as follows: In a method for receiving FM-modulated and non-FM-modulated RF signals using a superheterodyne receiver with a mixer in which the received signal is mixed with an adjustable oscillator frequency for conversion into an intermediate frequency, with an FM demodulator for demodulating the FM signals, with a phase-locked loop comprising a loop amplifier, a voltage-controlled oscillator and a phase comparator with a mixer, the FM demodulator is used by disconnecting the phase-locked loop and by applying a fixed tuning voltage to the voltage-controlled oscillator to mix the non-FM-modulated signal to form a further intermediate frequency and the output signal is fed via a changeover switch to the downstream processing stages in the case of FM reception and to separate downstream signal processing circuits in the case of non-FM reception.

Hydrocarbon Fuels, SAE-Paper 931096, March 1993

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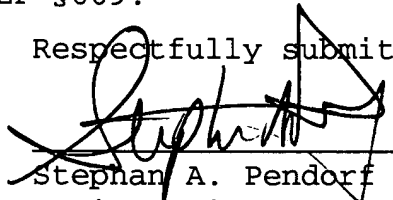
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Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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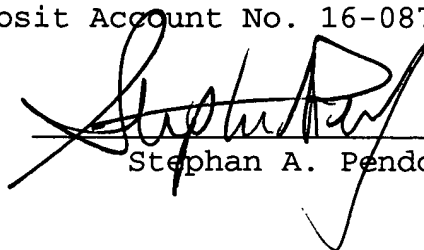
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